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SUBJ: VISIT TO KIGALI BY FRENCH SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS LIPKOWSKI

KHARTOUM FOR AMBASSADOR FRITTS

REF: (A) MEMCON WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR FEB 27;
(B) KIGALI 0091

1. SUMMARY: FRENCH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS JEAN DE LIPKOWSKI VISITED KIGALI MARCH 15-17.
ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID WERE DISCUSSED WITH GOR
OFFICIALS. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING BRIEF VISIT MARCH 15-17 FRENCH SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS JEAN DE LIPKOWSKI MET PRESIDENT
HABYARIMANA AND OTHER GOR OFFICIALS. VISIT ORIGINALLY TO
HAVE BEEN MADE BY SEC STATE FOR COOPERATION DENIAU, BUT
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DENIAU WAS DROPPED IN RECENT FRENCH CABINET RESHUFFLE.

LIPKOWSKI WENT TO BUJUMBURA FROM HERE.

3. IN RADIO INTERVIEW UPON DEPARTURE FROM KIGALI LIPKOWSKI SAID FRANCE WOULD STUDY RWANDAN REQUESTS FOR AID TO FOL-
LOWING PROJECTS: (A) TOURIST VILLAGE; (B) A SECOND HOS-
PITAL IN ADDITION TO EXISTING FRENCH HOSPITAL AT RUHENGARI
(C) TELEVISION SYSTEM. ABOVE PROJECTS WOULD BE IN
ADDITION TO FRENCH LYCEE SCHEDULED OPEN OCTOBER 1974
AND SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION REFORM PROGRAM. LIPKOWSKI
ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT FRENCH-DONATED CARAVELLE JET WOULD
ARRIVE KIGALI MARCH 28.

4. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR BAEKELANDT, WHO DINED WITH
LIPKOWSKI AT FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S HOUSE, SAID LIPKOWSKI
INFORMED HIM FRANCE ALSO PLANNED TO GIVE CARAVELLE TO
BURUNDI GOVERNMENT. (BELGIAN AMBASSADOR SAID HIS GOVERN-
MENT HAD REPORT FRANCE PLANNING SUPPLY MILITARY ADVISORS
TO BURUNDI ARMY TO REPLACE DEPARTED BELGIANS).

5. LIPKOWSKI TOLD BELGIAN AMBASSADOR FRENCH PLAN AT LEAST
PARTIALLY SATISFY RWANDANS ON TOURIST VILLAGE REQUEST
THOUGH WITHOUT ENTHUSIASM. FRENCH POINT OUT SITE CHOSEN
ON LAKE MUHAZI (EAST OF KIGALI) HAS NO ELECTRICITY OR
WATER.

6. LIPKOWSKI ALSO TOLD BELGIAN AMBASSADOR HE HAD TURNED
RWANDANS DOWN ON REQUEST FOR NEW SQUADRON OF PANHARD
ARMORED VEHICLES. HABYARIMANA INDICATED HE PLANNED
RAISE QUESTION AGAIN WITH POMPIDOU WHEN HE VISITS PARIS
MARCH 31-APRIL 3.

7. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR SAID HIS GOVERNMENT ANNOYED WITH
FRENCH FOR TAKING INITIATIVES IN RWANDA, PARTICULARLY
GIFT OF CARAVELLE, WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH BELGIANS.
BELGIAN AMBASSADOR REMARKED LIPKOWSKI HAD STRONGLY
CRITICIZED US EUROPEAN AND MIDDLE EAST POLICIES DURING
FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S DINNER.

8. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH FRENCH HAVE INCREASED THEIR
ACTIVITY IN RWANDA OVER LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, BELGIAN
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